

REMARKS

The specification has been amended regarding reference numbers 109-1 and 109-2 to correct the inconsistencies noted by the Examiner.

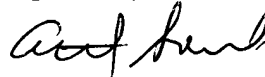
Claims 1, 3-6, 10, 14-16, 27, 28, 31-40 and 42 have been canceled above. (The rejection of claims 5 and 6 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph is therefore moot.)

Claims 17-26, 29, 30 and 41 were allowed. However, independent claims 17, 29, 30 and 41 have been amended above to eliminate some unnecessary or unclear limitations. The inventive elements remain.

Claims 2, 7-9 and 11-13 were objected to, and presumably found allowable if rewritten to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. The inventive element of claim 1 has been incorporated into dependent claim 2, although the result has been rewritten to eliminate unnecessary limitations. Dependent claims 7-9 have been amended to comply with amended claim 2. Claim 11 has been rewritten, incorporating the base claim 10. Dependent claims 12 and 13 have been amended to depend on claim 11 instead of claim 10.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants believe that the present patent application, as amended above, is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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